



# Holy Cross Catholic Parish

## **Mission Statement: Twinning with St. Patrick's Parish**

Rooted in the community of Gordon Head and the University, in communion with the Roman Catholic Church, Holy Cross Parish serves the people of God by sharing, teaching and living the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

**SUNDAY - March 28th, 2021**  
**Sixth Sunday in Lent - Passion Sunday**

When they had sung the hymn they went out to the Garden of Gethsemane. Jesus withdrew a short distance and prayed. The Agony in the Garden, the first Sorrowful Mystery of the Rosary, has always affected me deeply. It is so full of emotion and complexity, difficult to fully grasp and harder to imitate. In his prayer, Jesus fully divine and fully human completely grasps and experiences the sufferings, misery, trials of all his brothers and sisters, those who have gone before, those of his time and those yet to be born. So completely did he unite himself with all suffering that he fell under its excruciating pain. At the same time he was aware of the evil intentions of the scribes, Pharisees and chief priests. He had long endured their rejection and jealousy. He knew that they wanted to kill him and were looking for the opportune time to rabble-rouse the crowd into an angry frenzy to demand, "Crucify him". As he prayed, Jesus knew his father had sent him on a mission of love, a mission salvation, not a mission of death. In anguish calling on his father, for whom he knew all things were possible, he prayed that the cup of suffering might be removed from him, yet he trusted God and would stay faithful to his Father as the course of events remained unaltered.

The words of his father are not recorded in scripture but I wonder if maybe he said something like this to Jesus, "My dearest son, you came to live among your brothers and sisters as one of them to show them the way of love, of hope and trust, of repentance and mercy, to search out the lost and offer them forgiveness and salvation, to carry their burdens with them, to give them new life through the good news of the kingdom that they would choose to live out of the divine within each of them. But in their fear and hatred they seek to kill you. I weep with you; grieve with you in the deepest sorrow that you hold in your heart for them as they turn away from your way of love. I love you; I am always with you; I will never leave you. I will walk this path with you; I will suffer with you; I will bear your pain with you. Your life and now your death will destroy death's bondage forever; it will become redemption and reconciliation, a model of pure love for all." Thus, Jesus became innocence – alone, betrayed, abandoned, denied; innocence - found guilty, humiliated, ridiculed; innocence - tortured, crucified, died.

How many times have I tried to understand how Jesus could possibly pray in uncompromised trust and acceptance and unflinching faithfulness to his Father, knowing that his father could do all things, yet, he could see clearly the road of unimaginable, innocent suffering and death that lay before him, awaited him. From the scriptures a picture emerges. As a child Jesus learned his Jewish faith, traditions and culture from his parents, Mary and Joseph, from his community, from the temple priests. He pondered the scriptures, the God of our Old Testament, listened intently to the words of the prophets and the psalms and he prayed. He learned and he grew in wisdom and knowledge. When he was but an adolescent and his parents found him in the temple and told him how they were worried about him he said, "Did you not know I must be about my FATHER'S business." From this early age Jesus knew God as Father! Later we hear him say, "The Father and I are one." "Apart from the father I can do nothing....." Jesus was coming to understand that though he was fully human, he was also fully divine. His relationship with his father became total commitment, trust and love; his will was inseparable from his father's will. He experienced every day in his humanity but he did not live out of his humanity. He lived out of the divine. (*cont'd on next page*)

#### OFFICE HOURS

Saturday, Sunday, Monday: Closed  
Tuesday/Wednesday: 9am—2:30pm  
Thursday/Friday: 9am—2:00pm

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(cont'd from front page) His every thought, word, action, decision; his 'very reason for being', all, were lived out of his divinity, out of love. He was in it to the end.

Today, Jesus invites us, as he does every year when we remember his passion on this, Passion Sunday, into an unshakeable relationship of limitless love with our Father, a relationship of trust and forgiveness, a relationship of the cross. He invites us to live every day, not out of our human tendencies and frailties but out of our union with God, out of the divine within us and in doing so to become love. Jesus invites us "to take a clear and unambiguous stand with" our God, to walk our lives with only one pair of footprints in the sand, our footprint firmly and seamlessly planted in God's footprint of our lives. It is then that we will pray, "Not what I want, but your will be done."

God with us, God in us,  
Trudy H.

### **HOLY WEEK AT HOLY CROSS PARISH: April 1-4**

Unfortunately, this year there will be no in-person services during Holy Week and no parking lot Masses going forward. All services during Holy Week and going forward will be livestreamed on our YouTube Channel: <http://www.youtube.com/c/StPatricksHolyCrossChurch>

Please make note of the online service schedule, as follows:

- **Holy Thursday, April 1:** 4:00pm
- **Good Friday, Celebration of the Lord's Passion, April 2nd:** 3:00pm  
\*On Good Friday St. Patrick's Church will be open for private prayer from 9-11am; Holy Cross Church will be open for private prayer from 12 - 2pm.
- **Easter Sunday, April 4th:** 10:00am

\*Recognizing that many of you have gone a year without the Eucharist, Fr. William has decided to provide Communion outside in the Holy Cross parking lot after the livestream Easter Sunday Mass on **April 4th, from 11am-12noon**. Please drive into the parking lot and follow the guidance of the ushers. Please do not park and get out of your vehicle.

**Please note:** The office will be closed on Friday, April 2nd for Good Friday.

It has been a long year, difficult and lonely year for many of us. It is now the second Easter that we cannot gather as a community during the most significant celebration of our Liturgical year. It is painful, and heartbreaking. And yet we must remain steadfast in our commitment to prioritize the health and safety of our most vulnerable at this time. Please feel free to reach out to the pastor or parish staff member if you need support in this regard: 250-477-5321.

### **PASTORAL TRAINING OUTREACH MINISTRY**

**Diocesan Pastoral Training Outreach training will be offered through nine online Sessions:**

The Pastoral Care Outreach Training series will be launched via Zoom starting April 17, 2021 and will be offered over nine consecutive Saturdays (9:30 to noon) concluding on June 12<sup>th</sup>. Participants will require a phone number and an email address and they should register through their local parish. Participants will require a computer, smartphone, or tablet with a strong internet connection, with access to speakers, a microphone and a camera. If you are fluent with the Zoom platform, using visuals, breakout rooms and can troubleshoot minor issues we need your volunteer support with one or more of the new nine Diocesan Pastoral Care sessions.

For inquiries or to volunteer to assist with one or more sessions, please contact: [moiraking@shaw.ca](mailto:moiraking@shaw.ca)

### **LIVESTREAM MASSES**

**Live Mass broadcast this Saturday!** Mass will be broadcast from **Holy Cross Parish on Saturday, March 27th at 4pm on the YouTube page**. Click the link here: <http://www.youtube.com/c/StPatricksHolyCrossChurch>

**PRAYER REFLECTION**

Let us go together to meet Christ on the Mount of Olives. . . . Let us spread before his feet, not garments or . . . olive branches . . . but ourselves, clothed in his grace. We who have been baptized into Christ must ourselves be the garments that we spread before him.

—Andrew of Crete

Dearly beloved . . . the jubilant and triumphant day that ushers in the commemoration of the Lord’s Passion has come. That day for which we have longed so much, and for whose yearly coming the whole world may well look. Shouts of spiritual exaltation are ringing and prevent us from keeping silent.

—Saint Leo the Great

Never worry about numbers. Help one person at a time and always start with the person nearest you.

—Saint Teresa of Calcutta

**A NOTE FROM THE DIOCESE**

To access the live stream link from the Diocese of Victoria website simply google: Diocese of Victoria or go to [www.rcdvictoria.org/dioocese-of-victoria-live-stream](http://www.rcdvictoria.org/dioocese-of-victoria-live-stream).

**SUNDAY** ..... 10 AM

**MONDAY TO FRIDAY** ..... 7 PM

**St. Andrew’s High School - Message from Bishop:** Please watch this short video from Bishop Gary as he describes the need for our Christian community to support St. Andrew’s Regional High School and the construction of a new Performing Arts Wing.

Bishop Gary Gordon

“The foundation of this building is Jesus Christ...the real heart of Catholic education is our Christian community.”

Please consider being a part of the foundation growing St. Andrew's Regional High School by supporting the Building on Success Campaign...

Building On Success Campaign St. Andrew's High School

Together, we will provide the optimal learning environment to educate the whole person and the development of the spiritual, academic, physical, emotional and artistic gifts of our students. Your gift will positively impact our students and build on their success.



**OUR LITURGICAL LIFE:**

**SATURDAY, March 27th**

Intention: Salvatore Ciccone+

**SUNDAY, March 28th**

Passion Sunday

**MONDAY, March 29th**

Office Closed/No Mass

**TUESDAY, March 30th**

Intention: Maura Minehane +

**WEDNESDAY, March 31st**

Intention: Narciso & Milania Dapatt+

**THURSDAY, April 1st**

Holy Thursday

4pm: Livestream Mass

**FRIDAY, April 2nd**

Good Friday

3pm: Livestream Service

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*At this time there are no in-person Masses being held.*

*The church will be open for private prayer from 9am-1pm from Tuesday to Friday. Please sit only on the chairs on the left side of the church at this time, to make cleaning easier for our custodians.*

*Thank you!*

Masks are now mandatory in the church and parish centre at all times.



**40 CANS FOR 40 DAYS FOOD DRIVE**



**FOOD DRIVE**

Mission Possible! St. Vincent de Paul and the St. Joseph Knights of Columbus are holding a non-perishable food drive at St. Joseph the Worker Parish parking lot (753 Burnside Rd. W.) on **Saturday March 27th, and Sunday March 28th.** Just put your non-perishable donations

in the trunk of your car, drive up to the parking lot, pop the trunk and a friendly volunteer will unload for you. Thank you for your support!

**COLLECTION for March 21, 2021**

WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR THESE GIFTS:

Envelopes	\$ 640.25
Pre-Authorized Debit	\$1,677.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$2,317.00</b>